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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$66,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

FRESNO – Kraft Foods, Inc., and Rockwell International Inc. face penalties of \$57,000 and \$9,000 respectively for numerous violations of late reporting requirements and effluent limitations at their wastewater discharging facilities.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for each of these two facilities. The Complaints may be considered at the Central Valley Water Board's regular public meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.

Kraft Foods, Inc. faces \$57,000 in penalties for 19 serious late reporting violations from January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2006. Kraft Foods, Inc. was delinquent a total of 689 days in submitting seven monthly self-monitoring reports. Kraft Foods discharged non-contact cooling water from its former Visalia Plant to a storm drain that discharges to Mill Creek, a water of the United States. Kraft Foods no longer owns the discharging facility. The current facility owner discharges the plant's non-contact cooling water to the City of Visalia municipal sewer.

Rockwell International Inc. faces \$9,000 in penalties for two serious effluent violations and one serious late reporting violation during the period from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2007. Rockwell exceeded its effluent limitations by greater than 20% for 1,1-dichloroethylene on April 12, 2007, and tetrachloroethene on June 22, 2007, and was 59 days delinquent in submitting its April 2007 self-monitoring report.

Rockwell owns and operates a groundwater cleanup system at the former Rockwell Manufacturing Company gas and water meter manufacturing facility in Porterville, Tulare County. Treated groundwater is discharged to Pioneer Ditch Pipeline, which is hydraulically connected to the North Fork of the Tule River, a water of the United States.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The board may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on December 4 or 5, 2008.